Increase in PMGSY allocation

†3529. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals for increasing amount under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana and change in criteria therefor;

(b)if so, the details with regard to Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh; and

(c) action Government have taken in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U. V KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) Requests have been received only from the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Tamil Nadu for increasing the annual allocation under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

(c) No change is contemplated in the norms of allocation as it is based on a weightage of 75% for Need (share^f Unconnected Habitations in the total Unconnected Habitations of the Country) and 25% on Coverage (share of Connected Habitations in the total Connected Habitations of the country).

Involvement of elected representatives in rural development programmes

3530. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the elected representatives to the State Legislative and Parliament have any designated role in assisting the rural development programmes which are to be implemented through the Panchayati Raj Institutions;

(b)if so, whether they are included as member in the District Planning Committees and other local development boards in their respective States;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d)whether there is any proposal to review the functioning of developmental programmes through the Panchayati Raj Institutions and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATTL): (a) Yes, Sir. By making

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MPs and MLAs members of the recently reconstituted Vigilance and Monitoring Committees at the State and District level, the Ministry of Rural Development has ensured that the elected representatives of State Legislature and Parliament perform a key role in supervision, vigilance and monitoring of all rural development programmes including those that are to be implemented through Panchayati Raj Institutions.

(b) and (c) As per Article 243Z of the Constitution, the powers to make provisions in respect of the composition of the District Planning Committees vest in the State Legislature.

(d)The review of the functioning of development programmes, including that of implementation through the Panchayati Raj Institutions, is a continuous process which is carried out on a continuous basis. The recently reconstituted State and District level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees are expected to further strengthen this process.

Rural Development schemes for Mad hya Pradesh

3531. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the Rural Development schemes particularly relating to employment generation and Food for Work which are under implementation in the State of Madhya Pradesh;

(b)funds earmarked and released so far for each of the Schemes;

(c) whether the funds have been released as per the demand of the State Government; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL): (a) The Ministry of Rural Development implements two employment schemes—thcSwamjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) for generating self- employment and Sampooraa Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) for providing wage employment and food security—for the benefit of the poor in rural areas of Madhya Pradesh.

(b)The details of funds allocated and released to the State of Madhya Pradesh under the SGSY and SGRY during the year 2002-2003 are given below: